

BREWSTER WILLIAM - LILACS

Although it has been impossible to prove or disprove the truth of the tradition, the legend is quite wide spread in Duxbury that the original slip of the lilacs on the Brewster homestead site was brought over on the Mayflower by the Elder from Holland. If it be true that a lilac slip was brought over in 1620 by the Elder, is it not more likely that it was brought from England than Holland for the Elder had been living in the former country some months before he joined the Mayflower? But why more as to where the lilacs came from or who brought them? There they are on the original Brewster homestead site, mute testimonials to the fact that the Elder cared for such things at a time when beauty, as such, was somewhat neglected in a severed struggle for existence. And there they bloom bravely year after year uncared for but flourishing, as much as to say to the present generation of Duxbury dwellers that they may have almost forgotten this grand old man who lived there but his old friends the lilacs have not.

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